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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:
LIBERIAN POLICY TOWARD PUERTO RICO

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1. COMMENTS MADE BY LIBERIAN MISOFF MOLIVEE PERRY
MARCH 6 (REFTEL) WITH REGARD TO LIBERIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ARE A REASONABLY ACCURATE
REPRESENTATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS. ONE OF
THE MAIN CONCERNS OF THE GOL IN THE THIRD WORLD CONTEXT
IS TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION OF MERELY FOLLOWING U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY. THE GOL REGARDS ITSELF AS A MODERATING
INFLUENCE IN SUCH THIRD WORLD ARENAS AS THE NAM AND
ATTEMPTS TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIRD WORLD
EXTERMISTS AND MORE WESTERN-ORIENTED NATIONS.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO, HOWEVER, PERRY DID
NOT REFLECT ACCURATELY HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.
LIBERIA HAS REGULARLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON
HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PUERTO RICO AT INTER-
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NATIONAL MEETINGS. THESE RESERVATIONS CONSTITUTE THE
MOST OBVIOUS DEPARTURE BY LIBERIA FROM THE NAM CONSENSUS,
AS WELL AS FROM LIBERIA'S OWN POLICY ON DE-COLONIZATION.
ALTHOUGH LIBERIA IS FAMILIAR WITH AND TRULY SYMPATHETIC
TO U.S. ARGUMENTS ON PUERTO RICO, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
LIBERIA WOULD RISK NAM CENSURE ON THIS ISSUE WERE IT
NOT FOR THE CLOSENESS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL BE SUBMITTING SHORTLY AN AIRGRAM
PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF LIBERIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND
CONCERNS IN MULTILATEPAL FORA.
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